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Veterinary Services

Washington, DC 20250

Mr. Kiyoon Chang Animal Health Division Ministry for Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries 88 Gwanmuro, Gwacheon-shi

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Dear Mr. Chang:

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Thank you for your letter of November 6, 2008, in which you provided additional information regarding the renovation of your foot-and-mouth disease (FMD) laboratory. The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service had requested this information to enable us to complete our evaluation of Korea's FMD status. Now that we have received your response, we can move forward on the evaluation.

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If you have any questions regarding this evaluation, please contact Dr. Julia Punderson. Dr. Punderson may be reached by telephone at (301) 734-4356, by fax at (301) 734-3222, and by e-mail at Julia. Punderson@aphis.usda.gov. Because our Internet security controls will not deliver e-mail messages with certain types of attachments, please contact Dr. Punderson before sending documents by e-mail.

We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

John R. Clifford

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